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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: *Erisman, Terry*) Examiner: Felten, Daniel S.
 Serial No.: 09/560,203)
 Filed: 4/28/2000)
 For: *Method & Apparatus for Auctioning Items*)

APPLICANT RESPONSETO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.105

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully responds to the request for information made by the Examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.105:

REMARKS

Original claims 1 – 102 are pending.

The most recent Office Action requests that the Applicant provide a substantial amount of following information which the Examiner “...has determined is reasonably necessary to examination of this application.” This request is addressed by both traverse and the additional materials noted below.

TRAVERSE TO THE REQUEST:

As a preliminary matter, Applicants traverse the request on a number of grounds. First, the Examiner has provided absolutely no explanation or basis why this information is suddenly “...reasonably necessary” to the examination of this application. Lacking such explanation - and what possible objection the Examiner has in mind - Applicants are correspondingly handicapped and forced to speculate to discern how best to respond to such request.